

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2206 - SB 2462

February 18, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires court approval of any Department of Human Services administrative order to increase a child support payment in order to reduce child support arrears.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$592,000 Recurring
Exceeds \$900,000 One-Time**

Other Fiscal Impact - Jeopardizes federal funding of up to \$33,000,000

Assumes:

- Changing requirements for child support would require significant changes in the DHS computer system with an estimated one-time cost of \$931,000.
- A significant increase in court filings requiring three additional judgeships and related expenses to deal with the increased court caseload.
- Passage of the bill places the state in violation of federal requirements for the Families First Program. The federal government could reduce federal support by \$1.9 million in the first year.
- The bill could place the state in violation of federal child support requirements with a potential loss of up to \$33,000,000 in federal matching funds.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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